

AT A MEETING of the CABINET of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at the Castle on 22 February 2010.

**Chairman:**  
**p Councillor T. K. Thornber, CBE**

Councillors:

p C. Davidovitz	a D.A. Kirk
p Dr. R. J. Ellis	p K. Mans
p J. K. Glen	p R. Perry
p Felicity Hindson, MBE	p Mrs. M. D. Snaith
p M.J. Kendal	

Also present with the agreement of the Chairman: Councillors K.G. Chapman, P. R. Edgar, Pamela Mutton, Marilyn Tucker, Sharon Wheale and Patricia West.

**89. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Kirk who was engaged with County Council business elsewhere.

**90. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a personal or prejudicial interest in any matter considered at the meeting declared that interest at the time of the relevant debate and, having regard to the circumstances described in paragraphs 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the County Council's Code of Conduct, considered whether to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with paragraph 12 of the code.

**91. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2010 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.

**92. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

- (a) Welcomed Lucy Pilgrim observing the meeting as part of her journalism course at the University of Winchester.
- (b) Thanks were extended to Dave Higlett, Head of Policy who would be returning to the Civil Service on 8 March 2010 following the completion of his secondment with the County

Council. In response the Head of Policy thanked the Members and all of his colleagues for the support they had given him during his secondment, which had given him a very good insight into the workings of local government.

93. **LPSA2: FINAL OUTTURN AND REWARD CLAIM**

Councillor Mans declared a personal interest as Trustee of Hampshire Air Ambulance Trust and as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Oakhaven Hospice, Lymington which related to some of the targets in the report.

The Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Executive (Item 5 in the Minute Book) setting out the final outturn, performance and reward claim in relation to the Local Public Service Agreement second round (LPSA2).

The Head of Policy expanded on the key points of the report and confirmed that the County Council had submitted a claim of £16.85m to the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG). It was expected that the reward would be paid in two tranches, the first in 2010 and the second in 2011. The Head of Policy also confirmed that half of money would be returned to the service areas that achieved the targets and the other half would be retained for use with the County Council's Improvement Plan and the LAA targets. The Head of Policy also drew Members attention to a correction to Target 2 in Appendix C in regard to emergency bed days in that the 2008/09 year performance figure should be 460,658. As a further point of clarification, the Cabinet were of the view that the Indicator Description for Target 4 should be revised to "recording of violent crime".

During the course of a full discussion, the detailed comments of the Cabinet were noted by the Head of Policy which focussed on concerns in relation to volunteering, the performance of ACSOs and PCSOs and some of the 'hard to move' targets such as emergency bed delays. In conclusion the Cabinet welcomed the 85% success rate against the targets that represented a very good outcome for the County Council and its partners, and reflected the strength of the partnership work that underpinned this achievement.

The Cabinet adopted the recommendations set out in the report together with an additional resolution that the Executive Member's for Children's Services, Adult Social Care, Environment, Culture and Recreation and Property, Business and Regulatory Services submit a report to Cabinet in due course to outline how they intend spending their proportion of the reward grant and that the Chief Executive report on the allocation of reward grant relating to the Improvement Plan and the LAA priorities. The substantive decision record is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 1.

94. **BUDGET MONITORING – 2009/10 QUARTER THREE**

The Cabinet considered the report of the County Treasurer (Item 6 in the Minute Book) reviewing the 2009/10 budget monitoring position based on data at the end of the third quarter on high risk demand led budgets, overall employee budgets, savings plans and financial health indicators. The report also reflected the revised budgets for 2009/10, as reported to the Executive Members in January 2010 together with the 2010/11 budget proposals.

The County Treasurer expanded on the main points in the report and particularly highlighted the underlying demand pressures in Children's Services and Adult Social Care, and also the impact of bad weather on the winter maintenance budget. Members were also reminded that in respect of the bad weather costs, the figure quoted in the report was the period up to the end of December 2009. The full year end situation therefore could be nearer to £3m and as a rolling average this would require an additional £0.5m over the next three years to offset the costs.

During the course of a full discussion it was confirmed that 50% of the forecast Children's Services overspend for the 2009/10 financial year would be written off due to the extenuating circumstances arising from the impact of the Baby Peter situation and the effects of the recession. The needs of people with disabilities were also highlighted together with the work that was being done by way of an Extra Care Scheme, in partnership with a voluntary organisation, for the conversion of accommodation for people with a learning disability into independent living units, which was far more cost effective than residential care. The Cabinet also recognised that the advertising costs for recruitment had reduced greatly due to the introduction of a joint Hampshire Recruitment Portal.

The Cabinet adopted the recommendations set out in the report. The decision record is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 2.

95. **DRIVING SUCCESS.....THROUGH THE 2010/11 CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

The Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Executive (Item 7 in the Minute Book) setting out the proposed approach to the 2010/11 Corporate Improvement Plan together with an emerging draft for consideration and comment. The Chief Executive expanded on the main points in report and highlighted that some targets were very hard to move and consequently could take several years before overall improvement was achieved. However, he emphasised that this did not mean there was complacency or a desire not to tackle the hard to move targets.

During the course of a full discussion the Cabinet expressed concern that there was an inconsistency of reporting methods between authority areas and this affected the outcomes in terms of an authority's performance. This matter would be discussed with the Audit Commission. The Cabinet also recognised the amount of work that was being done with young people not in employment, education or training (NEETs), to reduce the number of teenage pregnancies and to build resilience for the elderly. The Cabinet were also of the view that the current statement supporting the priority "Maximising Wellbeing" was really about the day job and although this was very important and challenging, the Cabinet were mindful that maximising wellbeing for the people of Hampshire is going to depend on the resilience and sustainability of its communities.

In conclusion, the Cabinet adopted the recommendations set out in the report subject to an addition to resolution 2 namely "and that maximising wellbeing be replaced with building resilient and sustainable communities" together with additional resolutions 4 and 5, namely:

4. That Cabinet receive reports, as appropriate, of any proposed addition or deletion to or from the Corporate Improvement Plan and in particular the hard to move targets; and
5. That the appropriate Select Committee scrutinises the effectiveness of, or changes to, the Corporate Improvement Plan and makes recommendations to the Cabinet as appropriate.

The substantive decision record is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 3.